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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

EXPERIMENTAL DELIVERY CONFIRMATION
CATEGORY AND FEE, 2001

Docket No. MC2001-2

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CONCERNING
SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**
(September 20, 2001)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of its intention to convene an informal, off-the-record settlement conference among all parties of record in this proceeding on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The settlement conference will be conducted at Postal Service Headquarters in a meeting room to be announced. Parties of record also will be given the opportunity to participate via telephone. Parties whose notices of intervention are filed on or before October 10th and posted on the Commission website will be contacted by undersigned counsel with information on procedures for participation in person or by teleconference.

In order to ensure their participation, interested parties of record intending to participate should express interest to undersigned counsel after confirming either that the Postal Service is in possession of a copy of their notice of intervention or that the notice is posted on the Commission website

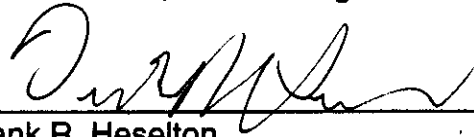
In the mean time, parties of record are encouraged to engage in discussions among themselves and with undersigned counsel to explore the possibility of reaching agreement on any issues raised by the request in this proceeding before the pre-hearing conference.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank R. Heselton', is written over a horizontal line.

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